is admissible in respect of amOuntj received on encashment of leave salary while in service. This relief is granted by ihe Income-tax Officer on an application made to him in thi$_s$ behalf.

(c) No such case has come to the notic$_e$ of the Income-tax Officer, Bhni-wani.

Foreign tourists

1166. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of tourists from each country who visited India during the last two years, year-wise; and

(b) what steps are being taken to boost tourism i$_n$ the country?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT); (a) The information is given in the annexure, *[See* Appendix CXXAVIII Annexure No. 31].

(b) The steps initiated to increase the inflow of foreign tourists to India include reorientation of publicity campaigns giving emphasis on consumer advertising stepping up of public relations with overseas media agencies, lour operators -md travel agents abroad, participation in international travel fairs and exhibitions, development of infrastructural facilities and improvement of transport systems including increasing airlines capacity an$_i$i permitting tourist charters.

Letters received from Members of. . Parliament in the Central Board of Direct Taxes

1167. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what i$_s$ the number of letters received from Members of parliamentlVIPs, which are still pending in the Central Board of Direct Taxes (i) upto 3 months; (ii) 3—6 months; (Hi) 6—12 months; nn<l (iv) more than one year old, with brief subjects, stage of each letter; I

(b) by whe$_n$ these letters are lik. be disposed off?

THE MINIS MR OF SI M I IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI); (a) ai As on 1.4.1985 there were 38 VTP|MP references pending in th_' Central i of Direct Taxes. During 1.4.19,85 to 15.4.86, 595 references were iv Out of lhe.se 548 references were disj of in the corresponding period, thu> leaving pendency of such references to 8 on 16.4.1986. Out of ^{nem}- 77 letters pending upto 3 months. 5 letters '-'-ere pending between 3—6 months. 3 lelters were pending between 6—1- months and no letter was pending for more thar 3ns year.

These letters pertained to different subjects concerning Direct Tax Laws tnd their implementation. In view of the plexities involved in each such case, it is difficult to lay any target date for tacit disposal. However, high priority i$_s$ attached to the disposal of such letters.

100 per cent export oriented gold jewel sry manufacturing complex

1168. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it *i%* a fact that the si for 100 per cent export oriented jewellery manufacturing complex has failed to take off and that not a unit has come up any where ;$_n$ the o try;

(b) if so, when the scheme for up 100 per cent export oriented jewellery manufacturing complexes first mooted and appro-

(c) what are the major reasons f< non-implementation of the scheme;

<\1) what steps are contemplated Government in the matl

THE MINISTER OF COMME1 AND FOOD CIVIL SUPPLIES (S P. SHIV SHANKER); (a) to fd) The scheme for setting up special export 0 n ted complexes for manufature of |

j ellerj was notified in September, 1984. ["he new concept of the scheme has in volved considerable preparatory work ito b_e done by the sponsoring agencies In conjunction v\ ith several organisations in cluding selection and development of suita ble premises and Bnalisation of opera-tal procedures. Substantial progress ha_s teen made in the case of some of the com ' M.d the Board of Approvals 100 per cenl export oriented units ^{nas} already approved 13 applii i-for setting up units in these com-. plexes which are expected to commence operations soon.

NTC Mills

1169. SHRI KRISHNA KUM R BIRLA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) what $i._s$ the number of National Textile Corporation mills in the country which are present!} functioning without C hah'man-cum-Managing Directors stating the period for which these post,, hav2 been lying unfilled and the reasons therefor;

(b) to w'hat extent the functioning of thev mills have been hampered as a consequence thereof stating the extent of losses sttffered by each of the mills during 1985 as compared to the loss red in 1984; and

(c) what meaure$_s$ have been taken by the Government to fill up these top level positions in the Natoinal Textile mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THR MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHTD ALAM KHAN); (a) At present, three subsidiaries of National Tevtile Coroporation are functioning with-out Chairman-cum-Managing Director. Details are given below:

Name of the subsidiary	Date from which post lying vacant	Remarks
NTC (Madhya Pradesh) Indore. .	25-12-1985	CMD of the subsidiary proceeded on leave with effect from 1·10·1985 preparatory to completion of his tenure on 24-12-1985.
NTC (Uttar Pradesh) Kanpur. . .	29-1-1985	CMD of the subsidiary resigned on 13-9-1985. His resignation was accepted with effect from 28-11-1985 (AN)
NTC (Maharashtra North) Bombay.	1-3-1986	The term of CMD expired on 28-2-86 on his attaining the age of superannuation.

(b) The functioning of these three uib-hasbyand large not been hampered as the functions cf CMDs have been performed by respective Committee of management. A statement showing the profit|loss position of the three subsidiaries, referred to above, for the years 1984-85 and 1985-86 (April to December, 1986) is given below *(Sec* below).

(c) Action has been initiated to select suitable candidates for filling up the vacant posts.

Statement

(Rs. in crores)

Name of the Subsidiary	1984-85	1985-86 (April to Dec'85)
NTC (MP) Limited	—17·35	—6·24
NTC (UP) Limited	—17·64	—10·20
NTC (MN) Limited	—23·74	—11·66